

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

STANDING ORDER ON RECUSAL

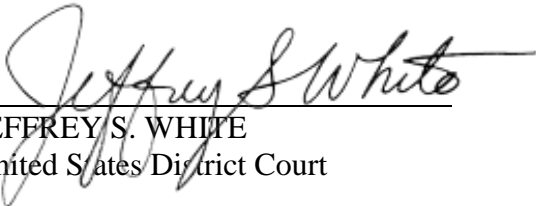
The Court seeks the assistance of all parties in all actions before the Court to determine if there are any grounds for recusal under 28 U.S.C. § 455.

If any party believes, after inquiry, that any ground for recusal exists, please bring the facts and circumstances to the Court's attention by letter or notice served on all parties at the earliest possible date, but no later than **five (5)** court days preceding the parties' first appearance before this Court.

The Court particularly requests that all parties determine and advise whether the undersigned judge's former law firm, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, LLP, served as counsel concerning the matter-in-suit in this action prior to January 1, 2003, the date the undersigned withdrew as a member of the firm. Counsel and the parties should be aware that the undersigned would not ordinarily have been aware of all engagements undertaken by his former firm and must depend on the parties to bring any such circumstances to the Court's attention.

The parties should not construe this order as limiting the bases on which the Court may recuse itself. Rather, this order is intended to ensure that the parties provide relevant information to the Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



JEFFREY S. WHITE
United States District Court